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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POLYNESIAN AIRLINES

REF: (A) WELLINGTON 2483, (B) WELLINGTON 3591,  
(C) STATE 180954

1. REGARDING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES (REF A PARA 3A),  
CONTINENTAL REP CONFIRMED THAT RECENTLY COMPANY TEAM  
VISITED WESTERN SAMOA AND PEOPLE FROM POLYNESIAN AIRLINES  
VISITED CONTINENTAL'S OFFICES AT LOS ANGELES. HOWEVER,  
DISCUSSIONS WERE LIMITED TO MARKETING COORDINATION  
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING. CONTINENTAL HAS  
NO PLANS TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT SMALLER THAN DC-10'S  
AND WOULD ONLY-HOPE TO MESH ITS FLIGHTS WITH REGIONAL  
OPERATIONS. CONTINETAL ALSO HAS NO PLANS TO "REPLACE"  
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AIR NEW ZEALAND AS POLYNESIAN PARTNER.

2. REGARDING PASSENGER SECURITY, FAA INFORMS  
DEPARTMENT THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS  
DISCUSSION BETWEEN FAA AND POLYNESIAN AIRLINES. FAA MAIN-  
TAINS POLYNESIAN AIRLINES FULLY AWARE PERTINENT FAA  
REG ON THIS MATTER. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATION (FAR)

PART 129, SECTION 129.25, STATES THAT FOREIGN AIR  
CARRIERS LANDING AND TAKING OFF IN LARGE AIRCRAFT

IN THE US MUST HAVE A SECURITY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO DO  
CERTAIN THINGS, WHICH ARE SPECIFIED IN THE REGULATION.  
LARGE AIRCRAFT ARE DEFINED AS THOSE OVER 12,500 LBS.  
AIRCRAFT UNDER THAT WEIGHT DO NOT FACE THE SAME REQUIRE-  
MENT. THIS IS WHY SPIA AND POLYNESIAN FACE DIFFERENT  
PASSENGER SECURITY REGULATIONS.

3. REGARDING LANDING FEES (REF A PARA 3B3), USG POLICY  
ON THIS IS THAT SUCH CHARGES SHOULD BE RELATED TO THE  
COST OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED, AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE  
IMPOSED IN A NON-DISCRIMINATORY MANNER. IT IS ENTIRELY  
REASONABLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING PRACTICE TO  
CHARGE DIFFERENT FEES FOR DIFFERENT AIRCRAFT. THEREFORE  
IT WOULD BE REASONABLE FOR SPIA TO PAY LESS FOR SMALLER  
AIRCRAFT AT TAFUNA. HOWEVER, IF SPIA IS PAYING NO LANDING  
FEES, IT WOULD SEEM AT FIRST BLUSH THAT EIKENI HAS A  
POINT. EMBASSY SHOULD ASCERTAIN CURRENT SCHEDULE OF FEES  
AT TAFUNA AND CONFIRM EIKENI ALLEGATION THAT SPIA  
PAYING NO LANDING FEES. IF SPIA NOT PAYING, JUSTIFICATION  
FOR NON-PAYMENT SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM TAFUNA AIRPORT,  
OR FROM WHATEVER ORGANIZATION ADMINISTERS THE AIRPORT.  
UPON RECEIPT SUCH INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT CAN DETERMINE  
VALIDITY OF EIKENI CLAIM OF DISCRIMINATION.  
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4. REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF INSPECTORS BY SPIA (REF A PARA  
3B5), DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY HANDLE PROBLEM AS  
TRADE COMPLAINT. THIS WOULD INVOLVE INFORMING SPIA THAT  
EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINT AND REQUESTING  
AIRLINE THAT, IF THERE HAS BEEN A DELAY IN PAYMENT,  
HOPEFULLY MATTER CAN BE WORKED OUT TO MUTUAL  
SATISFACTION. VANCE

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